

Case Study

PLATEAU® Herbicide Effect on True Mountain Mahogany

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- ✎ Rate most effective to control spread of cheatgrass, and minimize effect on true mountain mahogany

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- ✎ Cheatgrass proliferation following fire

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- Applied 6 and 12 ounce rates
 - Weather conditions

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- ✓ complete control
- ✓ no cheatgrass presence
- ✓ musk thistle eliminated
- ✓ resurgence of native perennials



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- ⇒ plants appear to be set back
- ⇒ slowed regeneration
- ⇒ no documented mortality
- ⇒ one growing season post-application
- ⇒ extremely dry growing seasons

The background features a stylized, muted landscape. In the upper half, there are soft, rolling mountain peaks in shades of light green and yellow. The lower half is a darker, textured green, suggesting a field or forest. On the right side, a willow tree with long, thin branches and small, dark, round leaves hangs down. The title "Cheatgrass Observations" is centered in the middle of the image, enclosed within a dark brown oval border.

Cheatgrass Observations

Cheatgrass Observations



- ❖ Found above 6,000 feet
- ❖ Located on various aspects
- ❖ Present on various soil types
- ❖ Associated with different vegetative community types

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Questions and Comments

